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HUMAN CLONING
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of Government on the issue of human cloning in India;

(b) whether human cloning will be considered as scientific research in India;and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (c) The Central Ethics Committee on Human Research (CECHR) of Indian Council of Medical Research, has evolved a set o ethical guidelines, namely; `Ethical Guidelines for Biomedical Research on Human Subjects`According to these guidelines, the possibility of human cloning cannot be rejected. However, since its safety, success, utility and ethical acceptability has not yet been established, research on cloning with intend to produce an identical human being has been prohibited. The guidelines have been accepted and circulated among all the scientific institutions in the country involved in research on human beings for its compliance.